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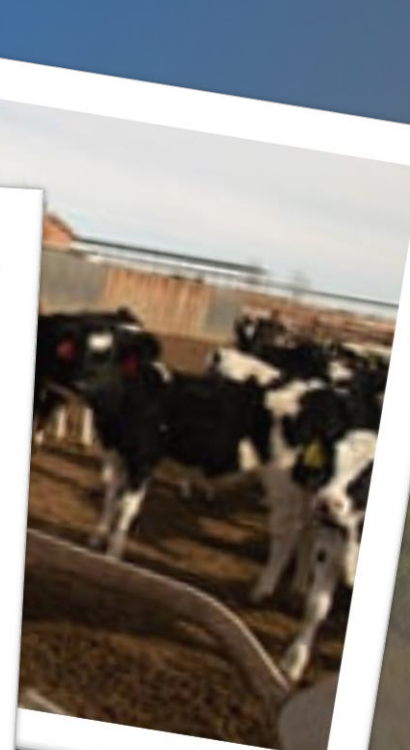
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SANTA FE — The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) announced today that the Air Force Base in response to PFAS (per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances) were found in the Agency's drinking water discharge permit.

Violations of the discharge permit.

While the state is seeking a federal injunction against the Air Force, Secretary-

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Recent testing indicates no exceedances of federal standards in Cannon Air Force Base drinking water

SANTA FE — Today, the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) announced that the results of testing of the public water system taken in March 2018, soon after the state's drinking water discharge permit was renewed, indicated no exceedances of federal drinking water standards for per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) contamination.

The results from both sampling events indicate that PFAS were not detected in the water samples that were tested and there were no exceedances of federal drinking water standards. NMED's [website](#).

Low concentrations of some PFAS were detected in sample water from the public water system, but these detections were below EPA health advisory levels. To discuss these results can call the Department of Health and Human Services at 575.649.0754 or PFAS in their drinking water.

More information on the testing results and other topics related to the Cannon Air Force Base will be presented at an April public meeting in the state capital. The New Mexico Departments of Health and Agriculture and the Office of the Attorney General will also be present.

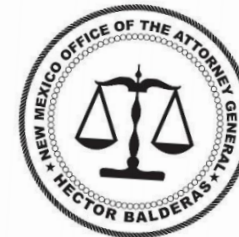
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State files preliminary injunction against Air Force to compel it to address PFAS contamination

ALBUQUERQUE — Today, the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) and Attorney General Hector Balderas filed a request in federal court for emergency relief from environmental contamination caused by per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS).

"I am extremely frustrated that the Air Force has not been responsive to protecting the health and safety of New Mexican families by addressing years of environmental pollution," said Attorney General Hector Balderas. "Because of their delay and failure to act, Secretary Kenney and I are asking the Court to ensure timely protection of New Mexico's people, wildlife, and environment from this ongoing and devastating pollution."

"We will not allow this contamination to further threaten New Mexican's health and the environment," said NMED Secretary James Kenney. "In the absence of responsible and timely action on the part of the Air Force, the state will continue to seek whatever legal avenues available to compel clean up."



Relief Sought

- An order declaring that Defendants' violated the HWA and RCRA;
- Injunctive relief requiring the abatement of the imminent and substantial endangerment claims,
- A permanent injunction directing the Defendants to take steps necessary to achieve compliance with HWA and RCRA;
- Civil penalties under applicable statutes; and
- Costs incurred by the State to date and into the future.